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# HOUSE BILL NO. 588

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES DIEHL (Sponsor) AND ENTLICHER (Co-sponsor).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 115.121, 115.123, 115.341, and 115.621, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to primary elections.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 115.121, 115.123, 115.341, and 115.621, RSMo, are repealed and  
2 four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 115.121, 115.123, 115.341,  
3 and 115.621, to read as follows:

115.121. 1. The general election day shall be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in  
2 November of even-numbered years.

3 2. The primary election day shall be the first Tuesday after the [first] **third** Monday in  
4 [August] **June** of even-numbered years.

5 3. The election day for the election of political subdivision and special district officers  
6 shall be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April each year; and shall be known as the  
7 general municipal election day.

8 4. In addition to the primary election day provided for in subsection 2 of this section, for  
9 the year 2003, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August, 2003, also shall be a primary  
10 election day for the purpose of permitting school districts and other political subdivisions of  
11 Missouri to incur debt in accordance with the provisions of article VI, section 26(a) through  
12 26(g) of the Missouri Constitution, with the approval of four-sevenths of the eligible voters of  
13 such school district or other political subdivision voting thereon, to provide funds for the  
14 acquisition, construction, equipping, improving, restoration, and furnishing of facilities to  
15 replace, repair, reconstruct, reequip, restore, and refurnish facilities damaged, destroyed, or lost

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 due to severe weather, including, without limitation, windstorms, hail storms, flooding, tornadic  
17 winds, rainstorms and the like which occurred during the month of April or May, 2003.

18 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of section 115.125, the officer or  
19 agency calling an election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of August, 2003, shall  
20 notify the election authorities responsible for conducting the election not later than 5:00 p.m. on  
21 the sixth Tuesday prior to the election. For purposes of any such election, all references in  
22 section 115.125 to the tenth Tuesday prior to such election shall be deemed to refer to the sixth  
23 Tuesday prior to such election.

24 6. In addition to the general election day provided for in subsection 1 of this section, for  
25 the year 2009 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November shall be a general election  
26 day for the purpose of permitting school districts to incur debt in accordance with the provisions  
27 of article VI, section 26(a) through 26(g) of the Missouri Constitution, with the approval of  
28 four-sevenths of the eligible voters of such school district, to provide funds for school districts  
29 to acquire, construct, equip, improve, restore, and furnish public school facilities in accordance  
30 with the provisions of Section 54F of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which  
31 provides for qualified school construction bonds and the provisions of Section 54AA of the  
32 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which provides for build America bonds, as well  
33 as in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
34 amended, which provides for traditional government bonds.

115.123. 1. All public elections shall be held on Tuesday. Except as provided in  
2 subsections 2 and 3 of this section, and section 247.180, all public elections shall be held on the  
3 general election day, the primary election day, the general municipal election day, the first  
4 Tuesday after the first Monday in November, or on another day expressly provided by city or  
5 county charter, and in nonprimary years on the first Tuesday after the [first] **third** Monday in  
6 [August] **June**. Bond elections may be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in  
7 February but no other issue shall be included on the ballot for such election.

8 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, an election for a  
9 presidential primary held pursuant to sections 115.755 to 115.785 shall be held on the first  
10 Tuesday after the first Monday in February of each presidential election year.

11 3. The following elections shall be exempt from the provisions of subsection 1 of this  
12 section:

- 13 (1) Bond elections necessitated by fire, vandalism or natural disaster;
- 14 (2) Elections for which ownership of real property is required by law for voting;
- 15 (3) Special elections to fill vacancies and to decide tie votes or election contests; and
- 16 (4) Tax elections necessitated by a financial hardship due to a five percent or greater  
17 decline in per-pupil state revenue to a school district from the previous year.

18           4. Nothing in this section prohibits a charter city or county from having its primary  
19 election in March if the charter provided for a March primary before August 28, 1999.

20           5. Nothing in this section shall prohibit elections held pursuant to section 65.600, but no  
21 other issues shall be on the March ballot except pursuant to this chapter.

          115.341. For the nomination of candidates to be elected at the next general election, a  
2 primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the [first] **third** Monday in [August]  
3 **June** of even-numbered years.

          115.621. 1. The members of each congressional district committee shall meet at some  
2 place within the district, to be designated by the current chair of the committee, on the last  
3 Tuesday in [August] **June** after each primary election. The county courthouse in counties of the  
4 first, second and third classification in which the meeting is to take place, as designated by the  
5 chair, shall be made available for such meeting and any other congressional district political  
6 party committee meeting at no charge to the committee. At the meeting, the committee shall  
7 organize by electing one of its members as chair and one of its members as vice chair, one of  
8 whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, and a secretary and a treasurer, one  
9 of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, who may or may not be members  
10 of the committee.

11           2. The members of each legislative district committee shall meet at some place within  
12 the legislative district or within one of the counties in which the legislative district exists, to be  
13 designated by the current chair of the committee, on the third Wednesday after each [August]  
14 **June** primary election. The county courthouse in counties of the first, second and third  
15 classification in which the meeting is to take place, as designated by the chair, shall be made  
16 available for such meeting and any other legislative district political party committee meeting  
17 at no charge to the committee. At the meeting, the committee shall organize pursuant to  
18 subsection 1 of section 115.619.

19           3. The members of each senatorial district committee shall meet at some place within  
20 the district, to be designated by the current chair of the committee, if there is one, and if not, by  
21 the chair of the congressional district in which the senatorial district is principally located, on the  
22 third Saturday after each [August] **June** primary election. The county courthouse in counties of  
23 the first, second and third classification in which the meeting is to take place, as so designated  
24 pursuant to this subsection, shall be made available for such meeting and any other senatorial  
25 district political party committee meeting at no charge to the committee. At the meeting, the  
26 committee shall organize by electing one of its members as chair and one of its members as vice  
27 chair, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, and a secretary and a  
28 treasurer, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, who may or may not  
29 be members of the committee. The members of each senatorial district shall also meet at some

30 place within the district, to be designated by the current chair of the committee, if there is one,  
31 and if not, by the chair of the congressional district in which the senatorial district is principally  
32 located, on the Saturday after the third Tuesday in November after each general election. At the  
33 meeting, the committee shall proceed to elect two registered voters of the district, one man and  
34 one woman, as members of the party's state committee.

35 4. The members of each judicial district may meet at some place within the judicial  
36 district or within one of the counties in which the judicial district exists, to be designated by the  
37 current chair of the committee or the chair of the congressional district committee, on the [first]  
38 **third** Tuesday in [September] **July** after each primary election, or at another time designated by  
39 the chairmen of the committees. The county courthouse in counties of the first, second and third  
40 classification in which the meeting is to take place, as so designated pursuant to this subsection,  
41 shall be made available for such meeting and any other judicial district political party committee  
42 meeting at no charge to the committee. At the meeting, the committee shall organize pursuant  
43 to subsection 1 of section 115.619.

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